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SUBJ: PROJECT FOR LABOR LEADERS

REF: CARACAS 11335

1. RUBEN SANTIAGO UNABLE TRAVEL AND POST NOMINATES AS SUBSTITUTE FRANCISCO URQUIA LUGO, SECRETARY FOR EMPLOYMENT AND STUDIES OF THE CONFEDERATION OF VENEZUELAN WORKERS (CTV). MEMBER SOCIAL CHRISTIAN COPEI PARTY. URQUIA IS ALSO A COLUMNIST FOR CARACAS DAILY ULTIMAS NOTICIAS.

2. BIODATA: BORN MARCH 15, 1926, EL TOCUYO, FALCON STATE, MARRIED, THREE CHILDREN. HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION AND COURSES IN HUMANITIES AND JOURNALISM AT UNIVERSIDAD DEL ZULIA AND UNIVERSIDAD CENTRAL RESPECTIVELY. HE ALSO HAS TRAINING AS A PROFESSIONAL RADIO ANNOUNCER. URQUIA HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE LOBOR MOVEMENT SINCE 1945 WHEN HE WAS ONE OF THE CO-FOUNDERS OF THE PETROLEUM WORKERS UNION IN LAS MERCEDES, GUARICO STATE. HE LATER CONTINUED HIS UNION ACTIVITIES WITH THE PETROLEUM WORKERS IN THE MARACAIBO AREA UNTIL HE WAS FIRST ELECTED TO THE CTV EXECUTIVE BOARD IN 1962. SINCE 1962 HE HAS SERVED ON THE CTV BOARD AND HAS HELD POSITIONS OF SECRETARY OF ORGANIZATION AND SECRETARY OF LABOR. IN 1963 HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LATIN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF SOCIAL CHRISTIAN UNIONS (CLASC) AND HAS REPRESENTED THE VENEZUELAN LABOR MOVEMENT AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS, UNCLASSIFIED

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AMONG THEM AT THE ILO MEETINGS IN GENEVA. HAS TRAVELLED TO EUROPE

AND CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA ON UNION BUSINESS. URQUIA BECAME A MEMBER OF COPEI PARTY IN 1946, IS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY'S LABOR BUREAU, AND HAS BEEN A DEPUTY TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF FALCON STATE AND DEPUTY TO THE NATIONAL CONGRESS FOR LEGISLATIVE PERIODS. URQUIA DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AND REQUIRES SERVICES OF ESCORT-INTERPRETER. VISITED US. ON IV GRANT IN 1967 (20 DAYS) AND HAS NOT REVISITED US. SINCE. HOME ADDRESS: BLOQUE 3, APT. A-42, PISO 6, EL PARAISO, CARACAS, VENEZUELA.

3. CLEARANCE OBTAINED.

4. URQUA NOMINATED CLEARED WITH CTV.
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